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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 3- 4, 6-7, 9, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24 and 25 as follows:

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3. (Amended) A bag according to claim 1, in which the tag is folded to lie within the contour of the bag sides until withdrawn.
 4. (Amended) A bag according to claim 1, in which the tag is folded in a generally M-shaped configuration in cross-section, with the outside surfaces of the outside legs of the tag being sealed to the seal and/or to the sides of the bag, and with the inside legs being arranged to be withdrawn from between the outside legs.